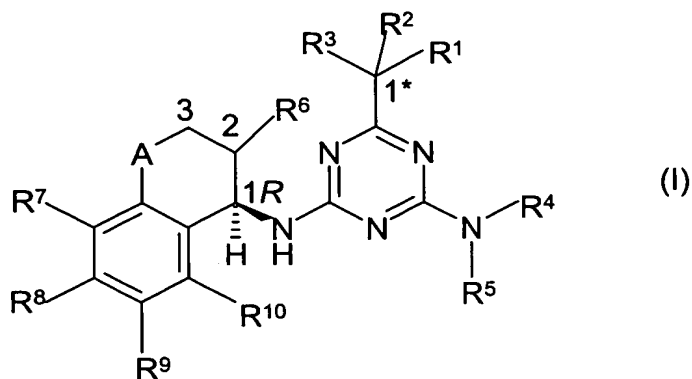


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The invention relates to an optically active compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein the various symbols are as defined in the description, to processes for their preparation, to compositions thereof, and to their use as herbicides or plant growth regulators. The invention also relates to novel intermediates of formula (III), (V) and (XIII) as defined in the description.